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REFERENCES CITED HEREIN

The references submitted herein (expect US 6,770,936 and US 6,933,571) were cited in a search report mailed July 4, 2006, in counterpart European application no. EP 00107789.0, which shares the same Japanese priority application as the present invention.

The family of JP 10-096962 cited herein includes:
US Patent No. 6,067,132

The family of WO 98/015973 cited herein includes:
US Patent Application Publication No. US 2001/0038097 A1
US Patent No. 6,770,936 B2 (not cited in the EP search
report)
US Patent No. 6,933,571 B2 (not cited in the EP search
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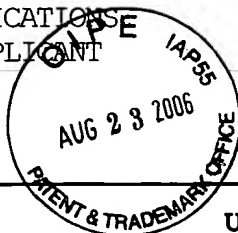


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European Search Report re application no. EP 00107789.0, dated July 4, 2006.

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